(b) if so, the details of the projects proposed to be implemented with foreign investment;

(c) the amount of external assistance expected to be made available for these projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Radio Communication between Driver, Guard and Station Master

1280. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide radio communication between the train Driver, guard and station master on selected routes.

(b) whether the proposal has been approved by the Ministry.

(c) if so, the date from which the radio communication is expected to be provided; and

(d) the routes identified for the purpose; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) At present the trials are being conducted. On successful completion thereof, the system will be introduced.

(d) and (e) Identification of routes for introduction of the system will depend on the outcome of the trials.

Direct train from National Capital to Gandhinagar (Gujarat)

1281. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to connect Gandhinagar (Gujarat) with the National Capital in the near future;

(b) if so, the action taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Adequate services are available between Ahmedabad and Delhi/New Delhi. Introduction of direct train between Gandhinagar and Delhi/New Delhi is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints and lack of traffic.

Introduction of late night train between Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam

1282. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a late night train between Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam; and

(b) whether it is fact that there is no direct train after 7.00 p.m. from Hyderabad to the Northern Coastal districts in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Introduction of computerised global enquiry system

1283. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have planned to introduce a computerised global enquiry system by the end of the current financial year.

(b) if so, the salient features of the system;